# Appendix 15-C

# HITEC Earth Retaining Systems Evaluation for MSE Wall and Reinforced Slope Systems, as Modified for WSDOT Use: Submittal Requirements

#### Instructions

To help WSDOT understand the functioning and performance of the technology and thereby facilitate the Technical Audit, Applicants are urged to spend the time necessary to provide clear, complete and detailed responses. A response on all items that could possibly apply to the system or its components, even those where evaluation protocol has not been fully established, would be of interest to WSDOT. Any omissions should be noted and explained.

Responses should be organized in the order shown and referenced to the given numbering system. Additionally, duplication of information is not needed or wanted. A simple statement referencing another section is adequate.

## Part One: Materials and Material Properties

Provide a sample of the reinforcement material and material specifications describing the material type, quality, certifications, lab and field testing, acceptance and rejection criteria along with support information for each of the following material items. Include representative test results (lab and/or field) clearly referencing the date, source and method of test, and, where required, the method of interpretation and/or extrapolation. Along with the source of the supplied information, include a listing of facilities normally used for testing (i.e., in-house and independent).

# 1.1 Facing Unit

standard dimensions and tolerances
joint sizes and details
concrete strength (minimum)
wet cast concrete % air (range)
dry cast concrete density (minimum or range)
moisture absorption (percent and by weight)
salt scaling
freeze thaw durability factor
facing unit to facing unit shear resistance
bearing pads(joints)
spacers (pins, etc.)
joint filter requirements: geotextile or graded granular
aesthetic choices (texture, relief color, graffiti treatment)
other facing materials

#### 1.2 Earth Reinforcement

## 1.2.1 Metallic

· manufacturing sizes, tolerances and lengths:

Yes	No	N/A	
			- ultimate and yield strength of steel
			- minimum galvanization thickness for 75 year design life
			sacrificial steel thickness for 75 and 100 year design life
			corrosion resistance test data
			pullout interaction coefficients for range of backfill

# 1.2.2 Geosynthetics

For geosynthetic reinforcement, the short and long-term tensile properties and material requirements shall be developed in conformance to WSDOT Standard Practice T925. For geosynthetic materials not specifically covered by T925, justification shall be provided that demonstrates the appropriateness of the data submitted and its analysis; however, the overall approach in T925 shall be used in such cases.

· polymer type and grade:

Yes	No	N/A	
			- HDPE: resin type, class, grade & category
			- PP: resin type, class, grade & category
			- PET: minimum intrinsic viscosity correlated to number average molecular
			weight and maximum carboxyl end groups
			- post-consumer recycled material, if any
			- weight per unit area

minimum average roll value for ultimate strength:

	- coefficient of variation for ultimate strength
	- minimum average roll value for QC strength (e.g. single rib, grab, or strip)
	creep reduction factor for 75 and 100 year design life, including effect of
	temperature (200C to 400C)
	durability reduction factor (chemical, hydrolysis, oxidative) for 75 and 100
	year design life
	additional durability reduction factor for high biologically active environments
	installation damage reduction factor for range of backfill (i.e., sand, sandy
	gravel, gravel, coarse gravel)
	junction strength for quality control
	seam strength
	pullout interaction coefficients for range of backfills
	embedment scale factor
	coatings (type and amount)
	UV inhibitors, coatings, etc.
	UV resistance

1.3 Facing Connection(s)	1.3	Facing	Conne	ction(	s)
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Yes	No	N/A	
			mode (i.e., structural, frictional or combined)
			connection strength as a % of reinforcement strength at various confining pressures for each reinforcement product and connection type submitted
			composition of devices, dimensions, tolerances
			full scale connection test method/results

# 1.4 Range of Backfill

•	reinforced

		- soil classification, gradation, unit weight, friction angle
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		facing
		- soil classification, gradation, unit weight, friction angle

# 1.5 Leveling Pad

	cast-in-place
	precast
	• granular

# 1.6 Drainage Elements

	weep holes
	• base
	backfill
	• surface

# 1.7 Coping

	precast
	precast attachment method/details
	cast-in-place

# 1.8 Traffic Railing/Barrier

	precast
	cast-in-place

# 1.9 Connections to Appurtenances

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#### 1.10 Other Materials

Yes	No	N/A	
			corner elements
			slip-joint elements

# 1.11 Quality Control/Quality Assurance Systems material suppliers

material suppliers:

Yes	No	N/A	
			- metallic reinforcement
			- polymeric reinforcement
			- concrete products
			- backfill
			fabricator(s)
			test facilities (internal and external)

# Part Two: Design

Provide design assumptions and procedures with specific references (e.g., design code section) for each of the following items. Clearly show any deviations from the WSDOT Geotechnical Design Manual (GDM), LRFD Bridge Design Manual (BDM) and the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, along with theoretical or empirical information, which support such deviations.

# 2.1 External Stability

Yes	No	N/A	
			• sliding
			overturning (including traffic impact)
			bearing capacity (overall and local)
			seismic
			settlement (total and differential)
			recommended wall embedment

2.2 Internal	<b>Stability</b>
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			. •
			assumed failure surface
			distribution of horizontal stress
			surcharge
			- concentrated dead load
			- sloped surcharge
			- broken-back surcharge
			- live load
			- traffic impact
			- lateral loads from piles, drilled shafts within reinforced backfill
			allowable tensile strength of the reinforcement
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			• pullout
			facing connections
			vertical and horizontal spacing (including traffic impact requirements)
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Yes	No	N/A	
			facing design
			- connections
			- concrete strength requirements
			effective face batter
			compound/global stability
			seismic considerations

# 2.3 Performance Criteria

	ultimate strength of reinforcement service limit
	- for steel, Fy and Fu
	- for polymeric, strength at % strain
	long-term design strength
	material properties, requirements and test standards
	horizontal/vertical deflection limits

design modification for tiered structures, acute corners and obstructions

## 2.4 Plan Sheets

Provide representative plan sheets showing all standard details along with any alternate details, including the following:

	details for wall elements
	connection details
	appurtenance connection details
	obstruction detail (utilities, parapet/sidewalk connection, light standard and
	box)
	corrosion/durability protection details
	construction details
	optional details

# 2.5 Specifications

Provide sample specifications for:

	materials
	installation
	• construction
	maintenance

# 2.6 Aesthetic Compliance

Detail the provisions in material specifications for aesthetics compliance, including:

	•	texture
	•	color

Yes	No	N/A	
			graffiti treatment for facing panels
			durability of aesthetic features

## 2.7 Limitations

List any and all design limitations, including:

	seismic loading
	environmental restraints
	wall height, external loading
	• other

## 2.8 Example Calculations

Provide detailed (hand) design calculations for a 10, 20, and 33 ft high wall with a 2H:1V sloping soil surcharge (extending from the back face of the wall to an infinite distance behind the wall) in conformance with the WSDOT Geotechnical Design Manual (GDM), LRFD Bridge Design Manual (BDM), and the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications (or AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges as specifically allowed in the WSDOT GDM) and using any deviations from those specifications you are proposing. The calculations should address the technical review items listed above. The example designs shall be completed with seismic forces (assume a PGA of 0.33g). If the wall is not competitive at one of the above heights, data for that wall height need not be submitted. In addition, a 10 ft high example wall shall be performed with no soil surcharge and a traffic barrier placed on top of the wall at the wall face. The barrier is to be of the "F shape" configuration and capable of resisting a 10K load. An example, and associated details, shall also be provided for the 20 ft high case, but with no soil surcharge, when a 3 ft diameter sign bridge foundation 10 ft deep is placed in the backfill 5 ft behind the wall face (5 ft clear distance). List any deviations from the GDM, BDM and AASHTO Specifications.

## 2.9 Computer Support

If a computer program is used for design or distributed to customers, provide representative computer printouts of design calculations for the above typical applications demonstrating the reasonableness of computer results.

## 2.10 Quality Control/Quality Assurance Systems

Include the system designer's Quality Assurance program for evaluation of conformance to the quality control program.

#### Part Three: Construction

Provide the following information related to the construction of the system:

## 3.1 Fabrication of Facing Units

Yes	No	N/A	
			curing times
			form removal
			concrete surface finish requirements

#### 3.2 Field Construction Manual

Provide a documented field construction manual describing in detail and with illustrations as necessary the step-by-step construction sequence, including requirements for:

Yes	No	N/A	
			foundation preparation
			special tools required
			leveling pad
			facing erection
			facing batter for alignment
			steps to maintain horizontal and vertical alignment
			retained and backfill placement/compaction
			erosion mitigation
			all equipment requirements

## 3.3 Construction Specifications

Include sample construction specifications, showing field sampling, testing and acceptance/rejection requirements.

#### 3.4 Construction Case Histories

Provide construction case histories and photos/videotapes from projects illustrating the construction process.

# 3.5 Contractor or Subcontractor Prequalification Requirements List any contractor or subcontractor prequalifications.

#### 3.6 List of Contractors and Subcontractors

Provide a list of installation contractors who have constructed this system, including contact persons, addresses and telephone numbers.

Provide a list of precasters.

# 3.7 Quality Control/Quality Assurance of Construction

Describe the quality control and quality assurance measurements required during construction to assure consistency in meeting performance requirements.

#### **Part Four: Performance**

Provide the following information related to the performance of the system:

#### 4.1 Warranties

Provide a copy of any system warranties.

## 4.2 Designated Responsible Patty

	system performance
	material performance
	project-specific design (in-house, consultant)

# 4.3 Insurance Coverage for Responsible Party

List insurance coverage types (e.g., professional liability, product liability, performance) limits, basis (i.e., per occurrence, claims made) provided by each responsible party

# **4.4 Project Performance History**

Provide a well documented history of performance (with photos, where available), including:

	• oldest
	highest
	projects experiencing maximum measured settlement (total and differential)
	measurements of lateral movement/tilt
	demonstrated aesthetics
	project photos
	maintenance history

#### 4.5 Numerical Model Studies

Provide case histories on numerical model studies.

#### 4.6 Instrumented Structures

Provide case histories of instrumented structures.

#### 4.7 Field Tests

			construction testing
Yes	No	N/A	
			pullout testing
			crash baffler testing
			seismic load test

#### 4.8 Construction/in-Service Structure Problems

Provide case histories of structures where problems have been encountered, including an explanation of the problems and methods of repair.

## 4.9 Unit Costs

Provide typical unit costs in \$/ft<sup>2</sup> of vertical face, supported by data from projects.

#### 4.10 Maintenance

Provide a listing of maintenance requirements to maintain performance and repair damage. If available, provide a maintenance manual.

## 4.11 Quality Control History

Provide the history for the system and material quality along with improvements that have been made based on the experience with the system.

#### 4.12 List of Users

Provide a list of users, including contact persons, addresses and telephone numbers.